tekmar® Thermostat 518

Zoning

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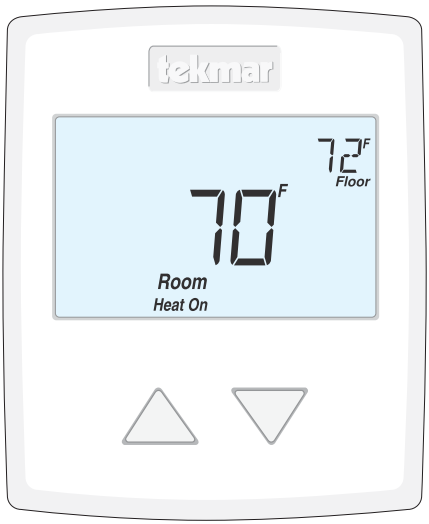
Installation & Operation Manual

Introduction

The Thermostat 518 accurately controls the room temperature for a hydronic heating zone using Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) technology. Simple up and down buttons and a display with large type make this thermostat easy to read and use. The 518 automatically detects a single auxiliary sensor to measure either outdoor, floor or remote room temperature. This easy to install thermostat is a direct replacement for tekmar Thermostats 507 and 508.



Energy Saving Features

- Auto Heating Cycle

Additional Features

- Radiant Floor Heating
- Pulse Width Modulation
- Auxiliary Sensor Input
- Outdoor & Floor Temperature Display
- Backlight
- Freeze Protection

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Getting Started

Congratulations on the purchase of your new tekmar® thermostat.

This manual will step through the complete installation, programming and sequence of operation for this control. At the back, there are tips for control and system troubleshooting.

Installation

Caution

Improper installation and operation of this control could result in damage to the equipment and possibly even personal injury or death. It is your responsibility to ensure that this control is safely installed according to all applicable codes and standards. This electronic control is not intended for use as a primary limit control. Other controls that are intended and certified as safety limits must be placed into the control circuit.

Preparation

Tools Required

- tekmar or jeweller screwdriver
- Phillips head screwdriver
- Wire Stripper

Materials Required

- 18 AWG LVT Solid Wire
  (Low Voltage Connections)

Installation Location

Choose the placement of the thermostats early in the construction process to enable proper wiring during rough-in.

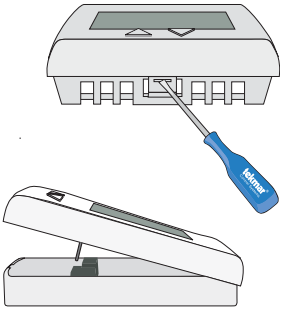
Consider the following:

- Interior Wall.
- Keep dry. Avoid potential leakage onto the control.
- Relative Humidity less than 90%. Non-condensing environment.
- No exposure to extreme temperatures beyond 32-122°F (0-50°C).
- No draft, direct sun, or other cause for inaccurate temperature readings.
- Away from equipment, appliances, or other sources of electrical interference.
- Easy access for wiring, viewing, and adjusting the display screen.
- Approximately 5 feet (1.5 m) off the finished floor.
- The maximum length of wire is 500 feet (150 m).
- Strip wire to 3/8” (10 mm) for all terminal connections.
- Use standard 4 conductor, 18 AWG wire.

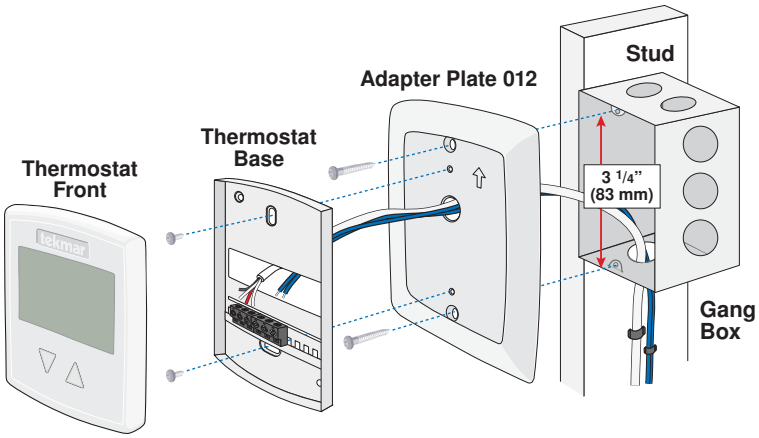
Removing The Thermostat Base

To remove the thermostat base:

- Locate the tab on the bottom of the thermostat.
- Push the tab with either your thumb or with a screwdriver.
- Lift the thermostat front away from the thermostat’s base.

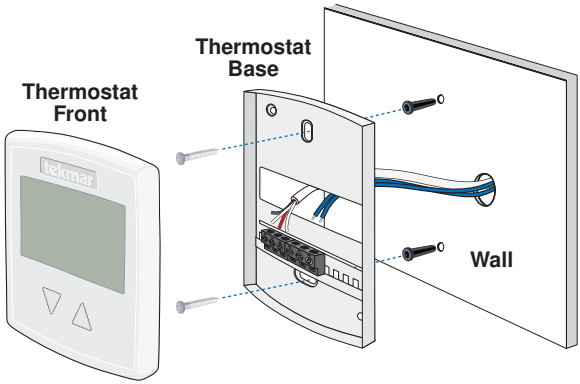


Mounting The Thermostat



If a single gang box is used:

- Adapter Plate 012 is required (sold separately).
- Feed the wiring through the hole in the adaptor plate and the thermostat base.
- Fasten the adaptor plate to the gang box.
- Fasten the base of the thermostat to the adaptor plate.
- Terminate wiring to the wiring strip.
- Push the thermostat front onto the thermostat base.

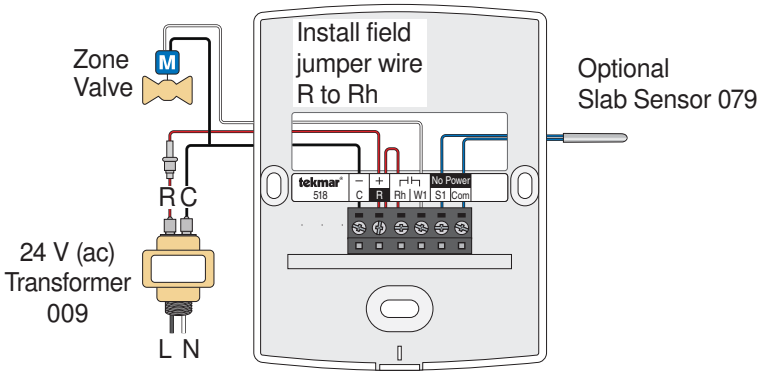


If mounting directly to the wall:

- Drill holes and install the wall anchors.
- Feed the wiring through the large hole in the thermostat base.
- Fasten the thermostat base to the wall using the wood screws to the wall anchors.
- Terminate wiring to the wiring strip.
- Push the thermostat front onto the thermostat base.

Thermostat Wiring

Zone Valve



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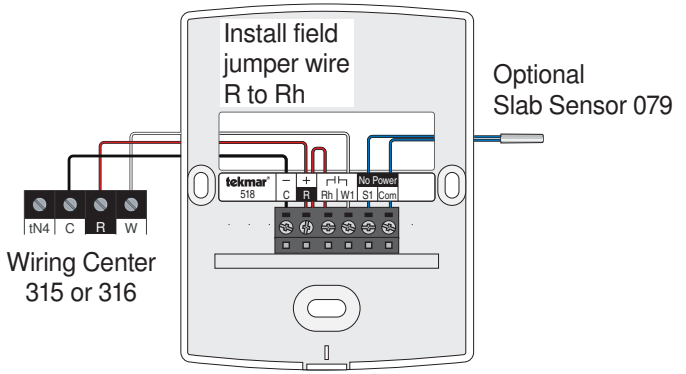
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Wiring Center 315 or 316
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Optional Slab Sensor 079
tekmar 518
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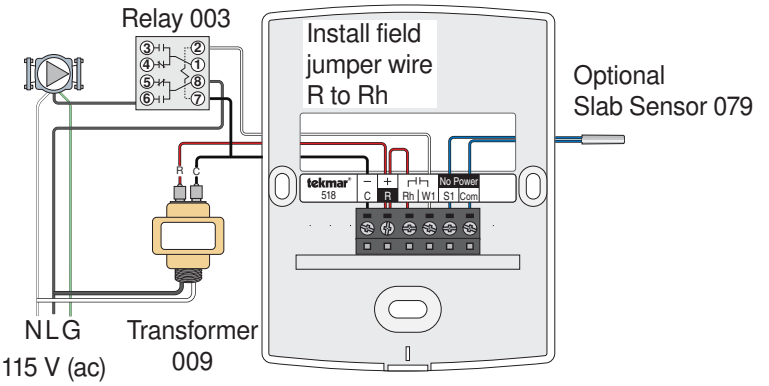
Relay 003



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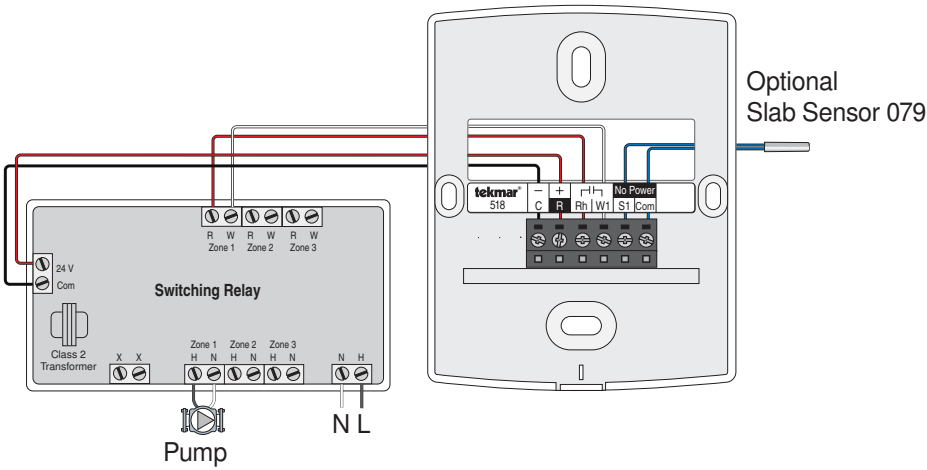
Switching Relay



Testing the Thermostat Wiring

Testing the Power

If the thermostat display turns on, this indicates that the thermostat is operating correctly and there are no electrical issues. In the event that the display is permanently off:

1. Remove the thermostat front.
2. Use an electrical meter to measure voltage between the R and C wiring terminals. For AC power supplies the voltage should measure between 10 to 30 V (ac). For DC power supplies the voltage should measure between 10 to 30 V (dc).
3. If the voltage on the R and C wire terminations is continuous and the thermostat display is not on, the thermostat may have a fault. Contact your tekmar sales representative for assistance.

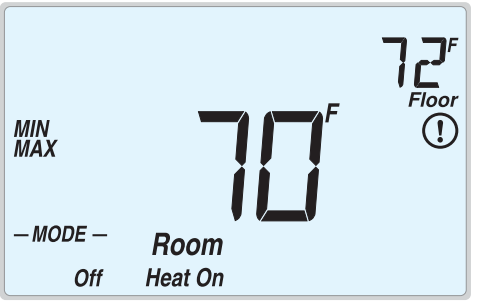
If the thermostat display intially powers on but later shuts off intermittantly, there may be a short circuit from the W wire to ground, or the power supply is too small to power the load.

Testing the Heat Zone Output Wiring

1. Touch the △ button and set the heating temperature above the current room temperature. Make sure the display does not flash “Max” if using a floor sensor.
2. When the “Heat On” symbol appears on the display, use an electrical meter to check for voltage on the W and C wires connected to the zone valve, wiring center, relay or switching relay. The electrical meter should read 10 to 30 V (ac) or (dc).
3. If the W and C wire have voltage, check the zone valve, wiring center, relay or pump to determine if the heat device is operating correctly.

User Interface

Home Screen



Symbols Description

Heat On	**HEAT ON** Heat is turned on.
— *MODE* — *Off*	**MODE OFF** The heating system is off.
ⓘ	**WARNING SYMBOL** Indicates an error is present.
MIN	**MIN** The floor is at or below the floor minimum temperature.
MAX	**MAX** The floor has reached the floor maximum temperature.

Sequence of Operation

Heating Operation

To change the heat temperature setting, push the △ or ▽ button to select a preferred temperature setting. The Heat On symbol is shown on the display when the thermostat is heating. The heat can cycle on and off within +/- 1.5°F (1°C) of the temperature setting.

The floor and air heating can be shut off by holding the ▽ button until Set Room is Off.

To resume heating when the Mode is Off, press the △ button to navigate to the Mode setting, then press the △ button to select Mode Heat. The thermostat will resume heating at the last previously set temperature.

Air Temperature Only

If there is only an air temperature sensor (no floor sensor), the thermostat operates to control your desired air temperature.

Floor Temperature Only

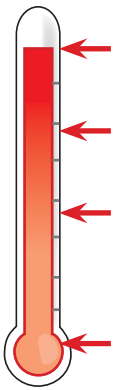
If the air sensor has been disabled, the thermostat will only maintain floor temperature and ignore air temperature. This operation is recommended for areas such as bathrooms to ensure that tile floors are warm to the touch.

Floor and Air Temperature

If the air sensor is turned on and a floor sensor is connected, the thermostat will maintain the desired air temperature as well as a minimum floor temperature.

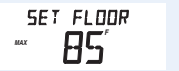
This operation is recommended for areas with large windows that allow the sun to shine into a room and keep it warm without the need for heat. This can allow the floors to cool off during the afternoon. When the sun goes down, it can take a long time for the floors to get warm again. This may cause the room to cool off too much in the early evening. A floor minimum setting can help with this condition by maintaining a floor minimum temperature. Keep in mind the floor minimum temperature will override the air temperature, and if set too high, may overheat the room.

This operation is also recommended for rooms with hardwood floors. Setting floor minimum and maximum temperatures is a way of enhancing the comfort of the living space while protecting floor coverings.



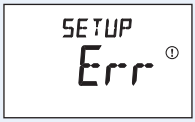
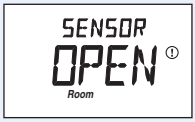
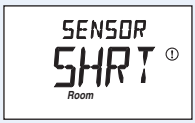
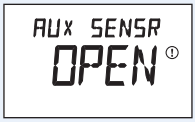
90°F (32°C) Feels hot to the touch	Suggested maximum for all floor types other than wood.
80 to 85°F (26 to 30°C) Feels warm to the touch	Bathrooms and kitchens. Suggested maximum for wood floors.
70°F (21°C) Feels cool to the touch	Rooms with large windows preventing under heating in the evening.
40 to 45°F (5 to 7°C) Feels cold to the touch	Freeze protection for garages.

Programmable Settings

Setting	Display
User settings. Press the △ and ▽ buttons together for 3 seconds to enter and advance to the next setting.	
MODE Select heat or off.	
Range: HEAT, OFF	Default: HEAT
UNITS Select the temperature units.	
Range: °F or °C	Default: °F
LIGHT Select when the display back light should operate. Auto operates the backlight for 30 seconds after a keystroke.	
Range: OFF, AUTO, ON	Default: AUTO
SET FLOOR Set the floor minimum temperature. Available when an auxiliary floor sensor is connected and the built-in room sensor is on.	
Range: OFF, 40 to 122°F (4.5 to 50.0°C)	Default: 72°F (22.0°C)
TYPE Device Type number. Hold the △ button to view the software version.	
ESCAPE Release the △ and ▽ buttons to return to the home screen.	
Installer settings. Press the △ and ▽ buttons together for 5 more seconds.	
AUXILIARY SENSOR Select the type of auxiliary sensor. Available when an auxiliary sensor is automatically detected.	
Range: **NONE** = no auxiliary sensor, **ROOM** = Indoor Sensor, **FLOR** = Slab Sensor, **OUT** = Outdoor Sensor	Default: OFF
ROOM SENSOR Select if the built-in room temperature sensor is on or off. The built-in room sensor can only be disabled when an auxiliary room or slab sensor is connected.	
Range: ON or OFF	Default: ON
SET FLOOR MAXIMUM Set the floor maximum temperature in order to protect the floor covering. Suggested settings: Tile = 90°F (32°C), Wood Floor = 85°F (29°C)	
Range: 40 to 122°F (4.5 to 50.0°C), OFF	Default: 85°F (29.5°C)
ESCAPE Release the △ and ▽ buttons to return to the home screen.	

Troubleshooting

Error Messages

Error Message	Description
	**SETUP MENU SAVE ERROR** The thermostat failed to read the Programmable Settings from memory and has reloaded the factory default settings. The thermostat stops normal operation until all Programmable Settings are checked except to provide freeze protection.
	**ROOM SENSOR OPEN CIRCUIT ERROR** The built-in air temperature sensor has an open circuit fault. Do not confuse this error with the auxiliary room sensor short circuit error. This error cannot be field repaired. Contact your wholesaler or tekmar sales representative for details on repair procedures.
	**ROOM SENSOR SHORT CIRCUIT ERROR** The built-in air temperature sensor has a short circuit fault. Do not confuse this error with the auxiliary room sensor short circuit error. This error cannot be field repaired. Contact your wholesaler or tekmar sales representative for details on repair procedures.
	**AUXILIARY SENSOR OPEN CIRCUIT ERROR** The auxiliary sensor has an open circuit. Check for loose or damaged wires. Locate and repair the problem as described in the sensor Installation & Operation Manual (070_D, 079_D). The error clears once the auxiliary sensor fault is corrected. If the auxiliary sensor was intentionally removed, power the thermostat down and up to clear the error.
	AUXILIARY SENSOR SHORT CIRCUIT ERROR The auxiliary sensor has a short circuit. Check for damaged wires. Locate and repair the problem as described in the sensor Installation & Operation Manual (070_D, 079_D). The error clears after the auxiliary sensor fault is corrected.

Frequently Asked Questions

Symptom	Look for...	Corrective Action
Display powering on and off.	Measure voltage at wiring terminals R and C.	The power supply transformer may have limited VA capacity. A transformer with a larger VA rating is recommended.
Thermostat does not heat.	Mode Off	Thermostat must be in Mode Heat in order to provide heating.

Technical Data

Thermostat 518 *One Stage Heat*	
Literature	518_C, 518_D, 518_Q, 518_U
Control	Microprocessor control. This is not a safety (limit) control
Packaged weight	0.53 lb. (240 g)
Dimensions	3-11/16” H x 3” W x 15/16” D (94 x 76 x 24 mm)
Enclosure	White PVC plastic, NEMA Type 1
Approvals	Meets Class B: ICES & FCC Part 15
Ambient conditions	Indoor use only, 32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C), RH ≤90% non-condensing
Power supply	10 to 30 V (ac/dc), 50/60 Hz, 1.8 VA standby, 56 VA max fully loaded, Class 2
Relay	30 V (ac/dc) 2 A, Class 2 circuits
Sensor	NTC thermistor, 10 kΩ @ 77°F (25°C ±0.2°C) ß=3892
– Included	None
– Optional	tekmar type # 070, 072, 073, 076, 077, 079, 084

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